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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/06

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE UNM Center for Regional Studies SB 554

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |         | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY06          | FY07    |                         |                  |
|               | \$150.0 | Recurring               | General Fund     |
|               |         |                         |                  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 382, SFCS/SB415 and SB 681

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 554 appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) to provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships, fellowships and internships; support faculty research and encourage faculty recruitment; produce film documentaries and collaborative projects about New Mexico and the United States-Mexico borderlands; and increase library collections and archives.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund. These funds would augment a recurring General Appropriation Act appropriation of approximately \$1.5 million for the Southwest Research Center

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by the UNM to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

UNM currently provides administrative support for this program. No additional impact is anticipated.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

There are five special appropriation bills related to the Center for Regional Studies.

- Senate Bill 681 appropriates \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund at the Regional Studies Program to provide for professorships.
- Senate Bill 678 appropriates \$250,000 for general support to the Regional Studies Program.
- Senate Bill 383 appropriates \$250,000 for general support to the Southwest Regional Studies Program (the Higher Education Department notes that the Southwest Regional Studies Program is the same as the New Mexico Center for Regional Studies).
- Senate Bill 382 appropriates \$150,000 for the same purpose as Senate Bill 554 (this bill).
- Senate Bill 415/SFCS appropriates \$75,000 for the same purpose as Senate Bill 382, and \$50,000 for professorships at the Regional Studies Program.

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